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Dear Sir/Madame:

Enclosed is correspondence that appears to be within your agency's jurisdiction. We have notified the correspondent that her letter has been forwarded to your agency for consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'P. Yorn'.

P. YORN, Consultant
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Consumer Affairs Branch

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JANUARY 26, 1993

THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR PETE WILSON
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

DEAR GOVERNOR WILSON,

WE ARE A MANUFACTURER/DISTRIBUTOR OF REMOTE CONTROL RADIO SYSTEMS FOR USE IN BOTH CONSUMER HOBBY PRODUCTS AND INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS. WHAT FOLLOWS IS FELT TO BE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO ALL OF THE EMPLOYEES AND STOCKHOLDERS OF THIS CORPORATION.

IT HAS RECENTLY COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION (FCC) IS CONSIDERING AN ACTION THAT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DESTROY OUR BUSINESS AND THAT OF THOUSANDS OF OTHER MANUFACTURERS NATIONWIDE LIKE US. THE PROCEEDING IS PR DOCKET 92-235. IF ADOPTED THE NEW RULE WILL GREATLY REDUCE THE USEABILITY OF FREQUENCIES CURRENTLY ASSIGNED FOR R/C MODEL USE AND INCREASE THE RISK OF ACCIDENTS AND ATTENDANT LIABILITY.

OUR RADIO-CONTROL FREQUENCIES ARE IN THE 72-76 MHZ BAND. THIS BAND IS PRIMARILY USED FOR PRIVATE LAND MOBILE DISPATCH OPERATIONS. HOWEVER, OUR RADIO-CONTROL FREQUENCIES IN THIS BAND ARE FAR ENOUGH APART FROM THE LAND MOBILE FREQUENCIES THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHARE THE BAND WITHOUT EITHER USE INTERFERING WITH THE OTHER.

THE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE MAKING (NPRM) IN PR DOCKET 92-235 REPLACES PART 90 OF THE RULES WITH A NEW PART 88. PART 90 ALLOWS FOR SAFE USE OF R/C AIRCRAFT AND SURFACE MODELS BY KEEPING 10 KHZ SPACING BETWEEN FIXED COMMERCIAL USERS AND FREQUENCIES USED BY R/C ENTHUSIASTS. THE NEW PART 88 WILL ALLOW MOBILE USERS ON FREQUENCIES WITHIN 2.5 KHZ OF FREQUENCIES AVAILABLE TO US, ELIMINATING SAFE USE OF AT LEAST 31 OF THE 50 CHANNELS ON THE 72 MHZ BAND (FOR R/C AIRCRAFT) AND 10 OF THE 30 FREQUENCIES ON THE 75 MHZ BAND (FOR R/C CARS AND BOATS) NOW USED BY HOBBYISTS. IN FACT, MORE CHANNELS WILL LIKELY BE AFFECTED.

WHEN R/C MODELS ARE OPERATED, GREAT CARE IS TAKEN TO ASSURE THE SAFETY OF THE OPERATORS AND BYSTANDERS AND THE PROTECTION OF PROPERTY. MANY OF THESE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS INVOLVE THE CAREFUL COORDINATION AND USE OF THE RADIO CONTROL FREQUENCIES. IF THE NUMBER OF USABLE FREQUENCIES IS DIMINISHED AS PROPOSED BY THE FCC, THE REMAINING FREQUENCIES WILL BECOME CONGESTED AND THE MARGIN OF SAFETY WILL BE GREATLY DECREASED.

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WE DON'T THINK IT IS WISE OF THE FCC TO SEEK TO EXPAND THE OPERATION CONDITIONS OF LAND MOBILE USERS AT THE EXPENSE OF THE RADIO-CONTROL MODELERS. THE FCC MAY NOT THINK WE ARE AS IMPORTANT AS BUSINESS USERS OF RADIO, BUT WE HAVE A CONSIDERABLE INVESTMENT IN OUR MODELS AND IN OUR RADIO EQUIPMENT. IT IS A BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY THAT MUST BE SAVED FROM THESE DETRIMENTAL FCC ACTIONS. THE HOBBY PROVIDES MANY HOURS OF ENJOYMENT TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE AND CONTRIBUTES TO THE ADVANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMERCIAL AVIATION INDUSTRY.

PLEASE HELP US CONTINUE OUR BUSINESS WITHOUT INTERFERENCE BY NOT ALLOWING THE FCC TO CARRY OUT ITS PROPOSAL PR DOCKET 92-235 FOR THE 72-76 MHZ BAND. WE NEED YOUR HELP URGENTLY BECAUSE THE FCC HAS A DEADLINE OF FEBRUARY 26, 1993 AFTER WHICH IT MAY BECOME MORE DIFFICULT TO AVOID THIS ECONOMIC MISTAKE.

SINCERELY,

Chum Sue Park
Nicole L. Abbe